

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/673,487

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to responses filed on 04/20, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-14, now are 1-2.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application claims benefit of the foreign application: JAPAN 285784/2002 with a filing date 09/30, 2002.
2. Amendment of claim 13, and cancellation of claims 1-12, and 15-17 in the amendment filed on April 20, 2006, is acknowledged. Claims 13-14 are pending in the application.

Responses to Amendment/Arguments

3. The rejection of claims 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been overcome in the amendment filed on April 20, 2006. Since claims 15-17 have been canceled, therefore, the rejection of claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is obviated herein.
4. Since the amended claims 13-14 are drawn to an ophthalmologically acceptable artificial material in the form of film, therefore, the rejection of claims 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Koshiishi et al. US 5,132,095, have been overcome in the amendment filed on April 20, 2006. Since claims 15-17 have been canceled, therefore, the rejection of claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), is obviated herein.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Claims 13-14 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious over the art of record, and therefore are allowable. This invention relates to agent for inducing receptor

potential. The closest reference is Koshiishi et al. US 5,132,095, which discloses optical sensor. The difference between Koshiishi et al. and instant claims is that the instant claimed products are not found in Koshiishi et al. A suggestion for modification of above record to obtain the instant claims, has not been found. Claims 13-14 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

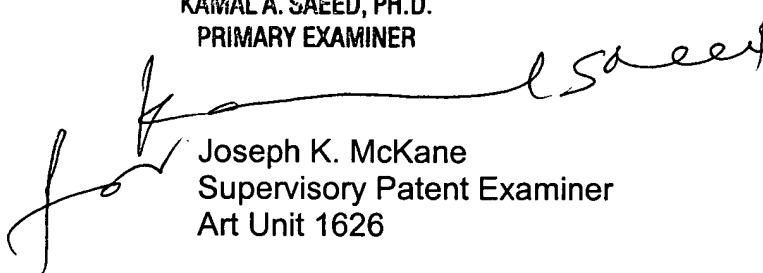
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Shiao whose telephone number is (571) 272-0707. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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